

The Heptameron of the Tales of Margaret, Queen of Navarre, Vol. 3 Marguerite of Navarre (1492 - 1549) translated by George Saintsbury

The Heptameron, first published posthumously in 1558, has the form of a frame narrative and was inspired by The Decameron of Giovanni Boccaccio. It was originally intended to contain one hundred stories covering ten days just as The Decameron does, but at Marguerite's



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death it was only completed as far as the second story of the eighth day. The stories, many of which deal with love and infidelity, resulted in "accusations of looseness" by critics of the day. Marguerite of Navarre (also known as Marguerite of Angoulême) was the sister of King Francis I and became an influential woman in the intellectual and cultural circles of the French Renaissance. (Wikipedia)

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